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COORDINATION QUESTIONS: MULTISECTORAL COLLABORATION ON TOBACCO OR HEALTH

Eritrea*, Estonia*, the Russian Federation and the United States of America: draft resolution

Multisectoral collaboration on tobacco or health

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1993/79 of 30 July 1993, and reaffirming World Health Assembly resolution WHA46.8 of 10 May 1993, 1/

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of multisectoral collaboration on tobacco or health, 2/

1. Commends the Secretary-General for acting promptly to establish the focal point requested by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1993/79 in the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the United Nations system focal point expands its work to address effectively all the issues raised in Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/79, including seeking voluntary technical and financial contributions to support the preparation and implementation of the proposed plan of action;

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

1/ See World Health Organization, Forty-sixth World Health Assembly, Geneva, 3-14 May 1993, Resolutions and Decisions, Annexes (WHA46/1993/REC/1).

2/ E/1994/83.

3. Requests the United Nations system focal point to continue the process of consultations with international organizations with a view to developing a plan of action for the implementation of the tobacco or health objectives of Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/79;

4. Agrees that the plan of action developed by the United Nations system focal point, which should be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1995, should include as a minimum the following:

(a) Implementation of and/or support for all activities mentioned in all operative paragraphs of Council resolution 1993/79;

(b) In addition, provisions for action related to:

(i) Promotion of education and general public awareness of the negative health consequences of tobacco consumption;

(ii) Protection of adults and children against the negative health effects of direct and indirect tobacco consumption;

(iii) Provision of advice and technical assistance to countries requesting such help concerning legislation and administrative regulations in the areas of advertising, taxation, and restriction of smoking in public places;

5. Requests the United Nations system focal point to coordinate, on behalf of the Secretary-General, the implementation of World Health Assembly resolution WHA46.8;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to report, to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1995, on progress made by the United Nations system focal point in the development of the requested plan of action, including progress made in securing long-term funding, within existing budgetary resources, for the United Nations system focal point.